H. BAER, M. D.
ELSINORE, CAL.

February 5, 1923.

Dear Professor Munz:

Thanks for the letter and the information contained therein. I am certainly glad to learn that you contemplate a flora of Southern California, for like every one else who has worked along the line of botany in this section, I realize how much such a work is needed and how great a value it will be to all future botanists as well as those of us who are here at the present time, and I shall be only too glad to lend you any assistance that I can, so please feel free to call on me for any thing that I can do.

Since seeing you I have run across three things of interest, two of them new to me, and not mentioned by Abrams and the third, if not new, at least adding a new station.

The first is Stylophyllum (Cotyledon or Sedum) edule, the Botany of California giving it as occurring at San Diego, but Abrams not making mention of it. This is the first time that I have run across it, but found it very plentiful in the canyon where I discovered it, growing in crevices in the bare rocks.

The second is Erodium botrys, mentioned as occurring in the northern and central portion of the state, but not listed by Abrams, nor have I run across it before.

The third is a Polygala, but not being in bloom it is not possible to say what it is, but the growth of the plant is unlike Polygala fishiae, for the specimens of that

H. BAER, M. D.
ELSINORE, CAL.

which I collected last fall, were slender plants, slightly if at all branched, while these specimens are stocky, much-branched shrubs, about three feet tall, with a well developed woody trunk, the leaf being a little smaller than in any of my specimens of P. fishiae. The seedpod looks about the same. I took careful notes as to the location of the two specimens that I found so that I can locate them again without difficulty and shall visit them in the blooming season, but even if it be P. fishii, it adds considerably to the range that is usually given to that plant.

Strange to say, I found all three of these plants within a stone's throw of each other, so evidently that particular canyon has never been examined very carefully. I had but little time just then so did not go into it very far, or it might have yielded still other discoveries.

Hoping to see you some time in the near future, I am,

Sincerely yours,

H Baer.